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I am glad Darling that you do write to me so often I wish I could hear from you every day. Dont be afraid of writing. Just got your letter of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and was glad indeed to hear that you were going to be mustered out of the service

I cant be thankful enough Darling I have written three letters to you and have recd 4 from you. I cant write hardly I am so glad you are really coming home. It has just come Mamma got a letter from Louisa Howe and she wishes me much joy and says she thinks there is much in store for me for you are a good noble boy. She wishes me to send you her love if I had room in my letters I dont think there is hardly room for mine in this short letter but It is waiting so I must hurry and

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I hope you will never go away again Darling for I am tired of living without you. It seems as though you had been gone almost <sup>a year</sup> already. So you are a temperance man are you? I suppose then you won't drink any more Lager Beer or any thing of that sort. I am glad you have signed the pledge. Not that I think there would be any danger of your drinking (I never had any fears about that) but I am glad that you agree with me in regard to Total Abstinence. I signed the Pledge today Myron gave it to me and said he wished I would get as many signers as I could. We organized our Sabbath School today and Mrs. Sarah Fay got two officers "Secretary and Treasurer". Whew! Don't you think your wife is getting up in the world. I think you might come home and help me. Orville is superintendent and Myron S. Dodge Assistant. Don't you think we have good officers? Oh! Add I wish you could be here today

I am so lonesome Sundays though I have plenty of company here. Et is sitting in the rocking chair holding "Gooda" Minnie is sitting on the other side writing to her Mother and Agg is scribbling on the other corner of the table so I can write as well as if I was all alone.

Father says "tell Add that I'm much obliged to him for that paper he sent me" Agg says "give Add my love" Minnie says "tell Add I'm going to write to him this week" so you see you are the principal topic of conversation. Mollie's hand is better though it is quite sore yet I guess 'twas not a felon after all. I have not seen Mollie since last Sunday. Mother was down here Thursday and she said she was going to tell you that I did not come up there at all since you came away. I do not go any where. I am too busy. I promised to go to Mr. Horton's and sit up with Mary Ward last night but it rained so I couldn't go. Mrs. Willoughby is back again I have not seen her yet